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APRIL 21, 1975
TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: AMBASSADOR GRAHAM MARTIN

1. WE ARE TOLD THE PRESIDENT WILL ADVANCE THREE BASIC REASONS FOR HIS RESIGNATION.

FIRST: AN UNFORTUNATE CAMPAIGN OF CONSISTENT DISTORTIONS HAS APPARENTLY CONVINCED THE CONGRESS THAT TO GIVE MORE MILITARY AID WOULD ONLY MEAN THAT THIEU WOULD CONTINUE THE WAR. THEREFORE, IF THIEU CONTINUES THE AID DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR SELF-DEFENSE (I.E., NO SVN TROOPS FIGHTING IN NVN) WILL NOT BE FORTHCOMING. SINCE MILITARY AID IS NECESSARY, THIEU MUST GO.

SECOND: ALTHOUGH HE HAS REPEATEDLY OFFERED NEGOTIATIONS WITH NO PRE-CONDITIONS TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE PARIS AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THE SETTING UP OF A NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD, THE COMMUNIST SIDE SAYS IT WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THIEU. SINCE NEGOTIATIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE PEOPLE - THIEU MUST GO.

THIRD: WITHOUT MILITARY AID TO SUPPLY THE ARMY NO NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT SURRENDER. WITHOUT AN ABILITY TO NEGOTIATE THE PEOPLE MUST SUFFER HORRIBLY. THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN - SO THIEU MUST GO.

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3. WARM REGARDS.
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